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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8
2 BY GRONSTAL and MURPHY
3 A Senate Resolution urging the Congress of the United
4 States to continue its progress in reducing the
5 federal deficit and to provide to the state of Iowa
6 information on the impact that achieving a balanced
7 federal budget will have on the State.
8 WHEREAS, the 50 states, including the State of
9 Iowa, have long been required by their state
10 constitutions to balance their state operating
11 budgets; and
12 WHEREAS, the states have balanced their state
13 operating budgets by making difficult choices each
14 budget session to ensure that their expenditures do
15 not exceed their revenues; and
16 WHEREAS, without a balanced federal budget, the
17 federal deficit may continue to grow and continue to
18 have a serious negative impact on interest rates,
19 available credit for consumers, and taxpayer
20 obligations; and
21 WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, in the
22 last two years, has begun to reduce the annual federal
23 deficit by making substantial reductions in federal
24 spending; and
25 WHEREAS, achieving a balanced federal budget by the
26 year 2002 will require continued reductions in the
27 annual deficit, averaging almost 15 percent per year
28 over the next seven years; and
29 WHEREAS, it now appears that Congress, by passing a
30 balanced budget amendment to the United States

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1 Constitution, is willing to impose on itself the same
2 budgetary discipline exhibited by the states; and

3 WHEREAS, Congress, in working to balance the
4 federal budget, may impose on the states unfunded
5 mandates that shift to the states responsibility for
6 carrying out programs that Congress can no longer
7 afford; and

8 WHEREAS, the states will better be able to revise
9 their state budgets if Congress gives them fair
10 warning of the revisions Congress will be making in
11 the federal budget; and

12 WHEREAS, if the federal budget is to be brought
13 into balance by the year 2002, major reductions in the
14 annual federal deficit must continue unabated; and

15 WHEREAS, these major reductions will be more
16 acceptable to the states and to the people of the
17 United States if they are shown to be part of a
18 realistic long-term plan to balance the federal
19 budget; NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That it urges the
21 Congress of the United States to continue its progress
22 in reducing the annual federal deficit and, when
23 Congress proposes to the states a balanced budget
24 amendment, to accompany it with financial information
25 on its impact on the budget of the State of Iowa for
26 state budget planning purposes.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
28 Senate send copies of this Resolution to the Clerk of
29 the United States House of Representatives and the
30 Secretary of the United States Senate, to all members

1 of Iowa's congressional delegation, and to the
2 presiding officers of both houses of the legislature
3 of each of the other states.

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